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Agenda

- Didactic: *Bacteremia*
- Case Discussion
- Open Discussion

Bacteremia

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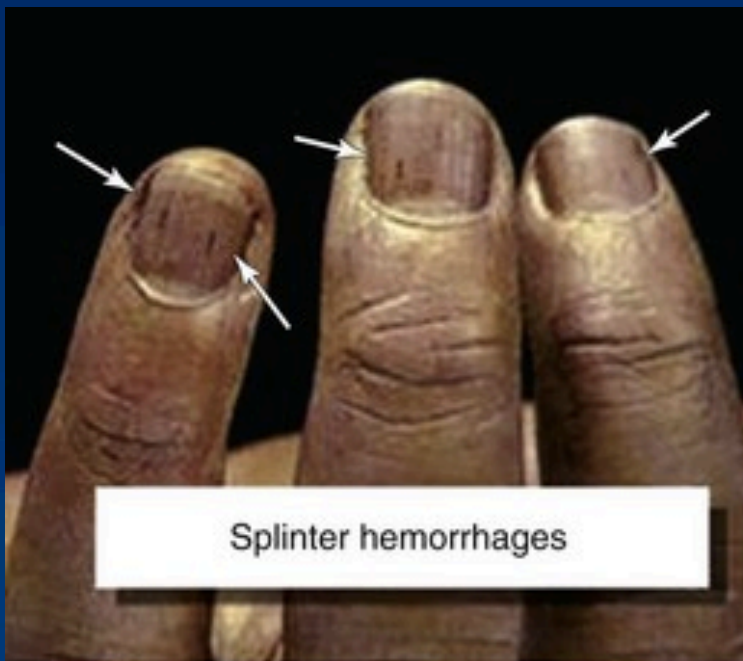
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Definitions

- The presence of bacteria in the bloodstream
 - GPCs
 - GNRs
- Uncomplicated vs complicated vs unknown source
- Community-acquired vs hospital-acquired
- Catheter-related
- Endocarditis

Staphylococcal Bacteremia

- Most common pathogen
- High mortality rates (30-days ~20%, but up to 40%)
- Outcomes worse with MRSA, including treatment failure and recurrence
- Careful history and physical exam are key
 - Back pain
 - Abdominal pain
 - Fevers and sweats
 - Stigmata of emboli



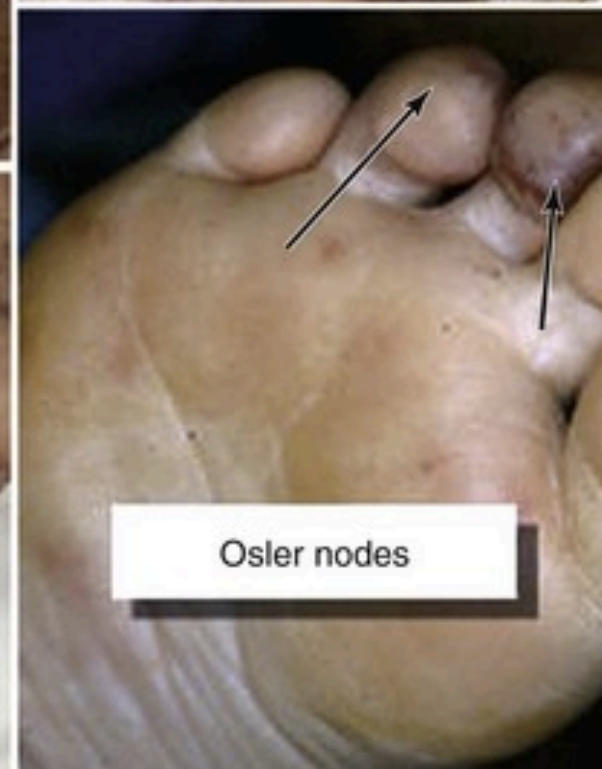
Splinter hemorrhages



Conjunctival hemorrhage



Janeway lesions



Osler nodes

Staphylococcal Bacteremia Initial Steps

- Keys to management
 - 2 sets of initial blood cultures (2 sets, not through IV insertion)
 - Empiric antimicrobials early
 - Echocardiography
 - Daily or every other day blood cultures to document clearance
 - Remove focus of infection if possible (abscesses or prosthetic material)

TTE vs TEE

- 7% vs 25% of endocarditis diagnoses
- Complicated bacteremia
 - Persistently positive cultures
 - Unknown duration (community-onset)
 - Prosthetic material
 - Predisposing valvular abnormality
 - IVDU

Staphylococcal Bacteremia Treatment

- Empiric: vancomycin
- Directed
 - MSSA: cefazolin or nafcillin
 - MRSA: vancomycin or daptomycin (right-sided endocarditis) or ceftaroline*
- Minimum of 14 days of therapy counting from the first day of negative blood cultures
- Endocarditis duration is much longer (and will be discussed at a later date)

GNR Bacteremia

- Historically more common type of bacteremia in the community
- Risk factors:
 - Age
 - DM
 - ESRD on HD
 - Steroids
 - Immunocompromised
 - Chronic urinary catheter use

GNR Bacteremia

- Community-onset
 - *E. coli*
 - Klebsiella
 - Pseudomonas
- ICU-onset
 - Pseudomonas
 - Enterobacter
 - Klebsiella
 - *E. coli*
- Antimicrobial resistance more problematic

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- Duration for bacteremia is 14 days from first negative culture

GNR Bacteremia Treatment

- Therapy strongly dependent on risk factors
- Potential empiric agents:
 - Ceftriaxone*
 - Ceftazidime
 - Cefepime
 - Meropenem or imipenem
 - Piperacillin-tazobactam
 - Combination therapy?
- Directed therapy based on pathogen and susceptibilities
- Remove focus of infection if possible

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